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## Brazil

### Oilseeds and Products

### Oilseeds Update - August 2008

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**Report Highlights:**

There are no ps&d changes to report. Brazil's monthly inflation rate is down in August as food costs moderate. Food and beverage inflation decreased from 1.56 % to 0.13%.

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**Food Inflation**

Brazil's overall monthly inflation rate is down in August as food costs moderate. Food and beverage inflation decreased from 1.56 % to 0.13%. Among the major decliners were: beef (7.48% to 1.15%), rice and dried beans (9.42% to -0.18%) and horticulture and legumes (-1.42% to -3.61%).

This month press coverage of food inflation has tapered off. The overall inflation rate for 2008 is estimated at 6.5 percent and the benchmark interest rate is 13 percent.

**Production**

Despite high international commodity prices, Brazil's soy acreage at this point is not expected to grow significantly during 2008/2009 crop year because of higher production costs. There are no significant ps&d changes to report this month. Adjustments to planted acreage and acreage switches are likely to occur when planting starts in late September/October.